

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1238

Introduced by Assembly Member Hernandez

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 52240 of the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1238, as introduced, Hernandez. Advanced placement program.

Existing law contains legislative findings and declarations regarding advanced placement courses. Existing law states the intent of the Legislature that certain state funding that is currently provided to school districts be made available to provide financial assistance to economically disadvantaged pupils in the payment of advanced placement examination fees. Existing law further states the intent of the Legislature that a competitive grant program also be established for the purpose of awarding grants to economically disadvantaged pupils to cover the costs of advanced placement examination fees, thereby creating a second source of financial assistance for economically disadvantaged pupils taking advanced placement examinations.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 52240 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

1 52240. (a) The Legislature ~~hereby~~ finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (1) Advanced placement courses, for which school credit is
4 awarded, provide rigorous academic coursework opportunities for
5 high school pupils and help to improve the overall curriculum at
6 schools where they are provided.

7 (2) The successful completion of advanced placement courses
8 and subsequent advanced placement examinations, which are
9 conducted by the College Entrance Examination Board and for
10 which college credit is awarded, provide a cost-effective means
11 for high school pupils to obtain college-level coursework
12 experience.

13 (3) To the extent that economically disadvantaged pupils are
14 provided financial assistance to take advanced placement
15 examinations, they will be provided with successful college-level
16 experience and be encouraged to pursue postsecondary education
17 opportunities.

18 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature, therefore, that certain state
19 funding that currently is provided to school districts be made
20 available to provide financial assistance to economically
21 disadvantaged pupils in the payment of advanced placement
22 examination fees. It is further the intent of the Legislature that a
23 competitive grant program also be established for the purpose of
24 awarding grants to economically disadvantaged pupils to cover
25 the costs of advanced placement examination fees, thereby creating
26 a second source of financial assistance for economically
27 disadvantaged pupils taking advanced placement examinations.